

**Illinois Commerce Commission**  
**Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments)**  
**Concerning Renewable Resources Procurement Events**  
**Which Were Held From Summer 2020 Through Spring 2021**

**DUE DATES**

**Initial Comments: June 18, 2021**

**Reply Comments: July 1, 2021**

Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act (“Act”) includes various “Provisions relating to procurement.” Among other things, the Act requires the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) to conduct procurements for Renewable Resources for certain electric utility companies: Ameren Illinois Company (“Ameren”), Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), and MidAmerican Energy Company (“MEC”). The Act also requires the IPA to file a Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“LTRRPP”) with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission” or “ICC”). In fulfillment of its duties pursuant to Section 16-111.5(b)(vi) of the Act, the Commission hereby provides this Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments) Concerning Renewable Resources Procurement Events Which Were Held From Summer 2020 Through Spring 2021.

**Scope of Informal Hearing**

Public Act 99-0906 was signed into law on December 7, 2016 and became effective June 1, 2017. This legislation called for the IPA to develop a Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan. In December 2017, the IPA submitted its Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan to the ICC pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1-56(b) and 1-75(c) of the Illinois Power Agency Act and Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act. In April 2018, the

Commission approved the LTRRPP with an Order in Docket No. 17-0838. In July 2019, the IPA held a procurement event for RECs derived from new brownfield site photovoltaic projects and in October 2019, the IPA conducted a procurement event for RECs from new utility-scale wind projects. In December 2019, the IPA held procurement events for Non-Photovoltaic Community Renewable Projects and Low-Income Community Solar Pilot Projects. The IPA also started accepting project applications for the Adjustable Block Program (“ABP”) in January 2019 and held an April 2019 lottery for some of the project categories due to the large resulting demand. In addition, the Illinois Solar for All Program started accepting project applications in May 2019. Both the ABP and the Illinois Solar For All Program are being conducted on an on-going basis and the Commission reviews and approves selected batches of projects throughout the year. All of those procurement events were within the scope of last year’s informal hearing.

In March 2021, the IPA conducted a procurement event for the sale of RECs derived from new utility-scale wind projects. In addition, in accordance with Section 16-111.5(b)(5)(ii)(B) of the Public Utilities Act, the IPA filed its first revision to its LTRRPP on October 21, 2019. In its Order in Docket No. 19-0995, dated February 18, 2020, the Commission approved the revised LTRRPP, subject to some modifications.

The March 2021 procurement event for new utility-scale wind projects is the only event that is within the scope of the current informal hearing. In September 2017 the IPA held an Initial Forward Procurement event, which will result in close to one million RECs from new utility-scale wind projects to be delivered annually. In October, 2018, the IPA conducted a Subsequent Forward Procurement event, which will result in an additional two million RECs from new utility-scale wind projects to be delivered annually (starting no later than January 2022). A third utility-scale wind RFP, held in October 2019, failed to procure any RECs. Subsequent to the unsuccessful Fall 2019 utility-

scale wind RFP, the Commission issued an order that (a) required an additional forward procurement for utility-scale wind resources as a replacement for the RECs that would have been procured in 2019 and (b) required that the RFP take place by May 31, 2021. The utility-scale wind RFP was issued on November 19, 2020 and updated on January 19, 2021. The table below provides internet hyperlinks to the relevant Commission Order and public notice of RFP results.

Event Timeframe	Product description	Utility/IPA (link to event results)	Authorizing ICC Docket or IL Law
Winter 2020	March 2021 Utility - Scale Wind RECs	<a href="#">Ameren, ComEd and MEC</a>	<a href="#">19-0995</a>

**Purpose of this Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments):**

Section 16-111.5(b)(vi) of the Act states,

On or before July 1 of each year, the Commission shall hold an informal hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the prior year's procurement process and any recommendations for change.

In fulfillment of this requirement, the Commission shall hear from all interested parties their comments relating to the above-described procurement process. It is requested that all comments be provided in written form, within Microsoft Word or compatible files and/or Adobe Acrobat PDF or compatible files. There are no limitations on the length of comments. Comments should be sent through email to:

[david.sackett@illinois.gov](mailto:david.sackett@illinois.gov)

**Posting of Comments:**

All comments received shall be posted on the ICC website at the following location:

[icc.illinois.gov/programs/Electricity-Procurement-Process-for-Plan-Years-Beginning-June-2021](http://icc.illinois.gov/programs/Electricity-Procurement-Process-for-Plan-Years-Beginning-June-2021)